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THE public of that delightful raconteur, Lord Frederick Hamilton, which has watched with interest for the appearance of the two books of memoirs, subsequent to the publication of "Here, There and Everywhere," will, no doubt, be even more interested to learn that in "Forty Years On" his brother, Lord Ernest Hamilton, carries forward the tradition created by him. In his first book he follows the lines suggested by the elder Lord Hamilton, with this slight difference, that while the reminiscences of the latter were chiefly of his career as a diplomat, with his life in England used mainly as the spring from which to launch the exercises of his memory, those of his brother concern themselves to a far greater extent with life in the country houses of Great Britain.

Perhaps a third of the book is devoted to the invocation of childhood memories, in which anecdotes of days spent in Ireland, when the author's father was Lord Lieutenant, play an important part. One of them has to do with the traditional custom obtaining at Viceregal functions that each lady shall come forward escorted by the Chamberlain to receive a kiss from the Lord Lieutenant. Lord Hamilton recalls with amusement his interest in watching for the middle-aged ladies whose coyness forced the Chamberlain to lead them firmly to the throne to receive the reluctant salute.

The author was sent in 1899 to look up property for an English syndicate in the Klondyke, and the adventure gives rise to an interesting account of the conditions existent in Alaska and northwest Canada during the madness of the gold rush. A subsequent trip to Peru, again with the object of gaining first hand information of the gold mines there, furnishes material for another chapter of adventure in totally different surroundings.

The inevitability of comparison with the works of Lord Frederick Hamilton faces the publication of "Forty Years On." But comparisons are invidious and usually entirely unsatisfactory. If the matter is touched upon at all, it will be to state that the present book subtracts nothing from Hamilton fame, and doubtless adds considerably. If any objection were to be made to this work it would be to complain of its limited scope. Occasionally, it seems that the author has given over too much of his interest to material which is chiefly biographical of his family, recounting genealogies and historical events which lose some of their interest for us through lack of acquaintance with the persons concerned.

STEWART T. BEACH.

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